

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, vs. WYATT THOMAS, Defendant.))))))	8:16CR183 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION ON GUILTY PLEA
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On August 23, 2016, defendant Wyatt Thomas (Thomas), together with his counsel, Assistant Federal Public Defender Kelly M. Steenbock, appeared before the undersigned magistrate judge. Thomas was advised of the charges, the penalties and the right to appear before a United States District Judge. After orally consenting to proceed before a magistrate judge, Thomas entered a plea of guilty to Count I of the Indictment.

After being sworn, Thomas was orally examined by the undersigned magistrate judge in open court as required by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. Thomas also was given the advice required by that Rule. Finally, Thomas was given a full opportunity to address the court and ask questions.

Counsel for the government and counsel for Thomas were given the opportunity to suggest additional questions by the court. Moreover, both counsel orally certified that they were of the opinion that the plea was knowing, intelligent and voluntary, and that there was a factual basis for Thomas' plea of guilty to Count I of the Indictment.

Therefore, I find and conclude that: (1) the plea is knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; (2) there is a factual basis for the plea; (3) the provisions of Rule 11 and any other provisions of the law governing the submission of guilty pleas have been complied with; (4) a petition to enter a plea of guilty, on a form approved by the court, was completed by Thomas, Thomas' counsel and counsel for the government, and such petition was placed in the court file; (5) the plea agreement is in writing and is filed in the court file; (6) there were no other agreements or stipulations other than as contained in the written plea agreement.

IT IS RECOMMENDED TO JUDGE JOHN M. GERRARD that:

1. He accept the guilty plea and find the defendant, Wyatt Thomas, guilty of the crime set forth in Count I of the Indictment to which Thomas tendered a guilty plea;
2. He accept the written plea agreement with the understanding that the court is not bound by the parties' stipulations, but may with the aid of the presentence report, determine the facts relevant to sentencing.

ADMONITION

Pursuant to NECrimR 59.2 any objection to this Findings and Recommendation shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of this Findings and Recommendation. Failure to timely object may constitute a waiver of any such objection. The brief in support of any objection shall be filed at the time of filing such objection. Failure to file a brief in support of any objection may be deemed an abandonment of the objection.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge